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Abstract

RPSEA is currently in its first year of performance under contract DE-AC26-07NT42677, *Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Administration*. Significant progress has been made in establishing the program administration policies, procedures, and strategic foundation for future research awards. RPSEA has concluded an industry-wide collaborative effort to identify focus areas for research awards under this program. This effort is summarized in the RPSEA Draft Annual Plan, which is currently under review by committees established by the Secretary of Energy.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In May, RPSEA continued to develop the program administration business policies, procedures, and infrastructure necessary to support the research awards anticipated under this contract. In addition, RPSEA has continued an aggressive outreach program to inform the industry of program objectives. These accomplishments include:

- Developed a strategic communications plan to support the consistent delivery of RPSEA program objectives.
- Continued the development of a new content rich RPSEA web-site to support strategic communications, technology transfer, and solicitation process.
- Developed a solicitation terms and conditions template that will support issuance of RPSEA's research award solicitations. This draft template will be included in RPSEA's final Solicitation Process procedure.
- Facilitated the New Wave session at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, TX .
- Presented RPSEA program overview at the IOGCC Mid-Year conference in Point Clear, AL.
- Presented RPSEA program overview at the Barnett Shale Produced Water Conference in Dallas, TX.
- Conducted several Technical Advisory Committee meetings.
- Participated in the Houston Small Business Administration meeting, June 13, 2007

RPSEA initiated program administration activities under this contract on January 4, 2007. Since that time and prior to May, RPSEA's accomplishments included:

- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft Management Plan (submitted February 15, 2007)
- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft Annual Plan (submitted April 3, 2007)
- Established Advisory Committees (completed March 7, 2007)
- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft solicitation process (submitted February 15, 2007)
- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft project management procedure (submitted April 2, 2007)
- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft communications plan (submitted March 12, 2007)
- Developed and submitted RPSEA's draft High-Level Metrics Reporting plan (submitted February 15, 2007)

PROJECT SUMMARIES

RPSEA is currently in its first year of performance under contract DE-AC26-07NT42677, *Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Administration*. RPSEA anticipates the issuance of solicitations for research awards in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. As such, RPSEA has no technical progress to report at this time.

Experimental Apparatus

N/A

Experimental and Operating Data

N/A

Data Reduction

N/A

Hypothesis and Conclusions

N/A